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Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/36 H of 6 December 1991 and its decision 47/419 of 9 December 1992 on international arms transfers,

Recalling also its resolution 48/75 F and 48/75 H of 16 December 1993 and 49/75 M of 15 December 1994 on measures to curb illicit transfer and use of conventional arms,

Recognizing that the availability of massive quantities of conventional weapons and especially their illicit transfer, often associated with destabilizing activities, are most disturbing and dangerous phenomena, particularly for the internal situation of affected States and the violation of human rights,

Realizing that in an increasing number of cases the illicit transfer of conventional arms is closely connected with the dangerous acts of recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries, terrorists and child soldiers,

Convinced that peace and security are inextricably interlinked with and in some cases imperative for economic development and reconstruction, specially for war-stricken countries,



Realizing the urgent need to resolve conflicts and to diminish tension and accelerate efforts towards general and complete disarmament with a view to maintaining regional and international peace and security,

Recognizing also the curbing of the illicit transfer of arms as an important contribution to the relaxation of tension and peaceful reconciliation processes,

Stressing the need for effective national control measures on the transfer of conventional weapons,

Convinced that serious, sincere and effective measures by countries to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms, while taking into account the specific characteristics of each region, would enhance the security of all affected States and contribute to regional and international peace, security and economic cooperation,

1. Invites Member States:

(a) To take appropriate enforcement measures directed at preventing the illegal export of conventional weapons from their territories;

(b) Promptly to provide the Secretary-General with relevant information on national control measures on arms transfers with a view to preventing illicit arms transfers and, in this context, to take immediate, appropriate and effective measures to ensure that illicit transfers of arms are immediately discontinued;

2. Requests the Disarmament Commission:

(a) To expedite its consideration of the agenda item on international arms transfers, with special emphasis on the adverse consequences of the illicit transfer of arms and ammunition, in terms of the present resolution;

(b) To study and report on measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms, bearing in mind concrete problems in various regions of the world;

3. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To follow up the effective implementation of the present resolution;

(b) To seek the views of Member States on effective ways and means of collecting weapons illicitly transferred as well as on concrete proposals concerning measures at national, regional and international levels to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms;

(c) To study within the existing resources upon request of the Member State concerned the possibilities of the collection of weapons illicitly transferred in the light of the experience gained by the United Nations and the views expressed by Member States and to submit a report on the result of his study to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms".
